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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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USS CAPODANNO

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, SU

SUBJECT: VISIT CMEF TO KHARTOUM

REF: KHARTOUM 2528

1. EMBASSY AND CMEF HAVE BEEN INFORMALLY DISCUSSING POSSIBLE VISIT TO KHARTOUM OF NEW CMEF RADM CROWE TO COINCIDE WITH MID-OCTOBER VISIT TO PORT SUDAN OF USS CAPODANNO. AS DEPT AWARE, GOS HAS INFORMALLY INDICATED APPROVAL OF USS CAPODANNO VISIT (REFTEL).

2. OCTOBER VISIT OF CAPODANNO WILL BE FIRST BY US NAVAL VESSEL TO SUDAN SINCE MAY 1976. SINCE THEN, BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH SUDAN HAVE IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY AND EMBASSY BELIEVES VISIT WOULD PROVIDE CONVENIENT OCCASION FOR NEW CMEF TO VISIT KHARTOUM. HIS VISIT WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH EMBASSY STAFF AS WELL AS WITH APPROPRIATE GOS OFFICIALS. VISIT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY TIMELY IN LIGHT OUR INTEREST IN HEADING OFF IOPZ ISSUE IN UNGA.

3. VISIT WOULD BE FIRST BY SENIOR US MILITARY OFFICIAL SINCE RECENT SHIFT IN BILATERAL POLITICAL CLIMATE. INEVITABLY IT WOULD FOCUS GOS ATTENTION ON MILITARY RELATIONS WITH US.

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THESE MATTERS ARE LIKELY TO BE RAISED WITH US IN ANY CASE,

HOWEVER. THEREFORE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT ON BALANCE VISIT
BY CMEF RADM CROWE WOULD SERVE US INTERESTS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPT MAY WITH DISCUSS VISIT WITH
AMBASSADOR BREWER. FYI: CHARGE DISCUSSED POSSIBLE VISIT BY
CMEF WITH AMBASSADOR PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE FOR HOME LEAVE
AND IT OUR UNDERSTANDING HE HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO SUCH VISIT.
END FYI. DEPT REQUESTED INDICATE ITS APPROVAL RE PROPOSED
CMEF VISIT. BOGOSIAN

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